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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Wang et al.

Serial No.: 09/579,842

Filing Date: May 26, 2000

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POLY(ETHYLENE OXIDE) GEL, METHOD OF MAKING SAME AND ARTICLES USING SAME

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 – Mail Stop RCE Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated July 30, 2003 for a period of <u>3</u> months to and including January 30, 2004.

Applicant:

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Dated	i:	January 30, 2	2004 G. Peter Registra	Michols ation No. 34,401 of or Applicants	

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